

The Status Of Women

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Introduction

Before embarking on this subject let us understand two points by way of introduction.

Firstly we understand that any manufacturer of any article gives instructions for its use and if the operation of the machine is complicated and sophisticated a demonstrator will be sent to demonstrate the operation of the machine or the operator will be called for training. If the machine is used according to the instructions and training it will give good results but if used against the instructions the machine can be destroyed and harm can be caused to others as well. The most sophisticated machinery is the human being which has made all other machinery and whose Maker is the infinite Almighty.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has also given instructions for the use of this miraculous machinery-the *Qur'aan Shareef*, and its detailed explanation-the *Hadith*. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) sent 124 000 *Ambiya* to demonstrate the use of this human being, the last of whom is our auspicious and honourable *NABI, RASULULLAH* (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم). If this human machinery is used according to the instructions of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and the way shown to us by *RASULULLAH* (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) we will get perfect results, otherwise we will cause our own destruction and that of others. For example in the instructions of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) demonstrated by *RASULULLAH* (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) women have to remain in their homes. Now if we change the rules by bringing them into schools, universities, factories, offices, shops etc. then we can understand the chaos we are going through.

Secondly, by way of introduction, let us also understand that we are not in the *Dunya* (world) just for being here, or that this

is the end all and be all, but rather we are here to prepare for the eternal and everlasting life of the hereafter. We must not be influenced by the non-believers around us for whom this *dunya* is everything and who do not prepare for the real life of the *Aakherah* (Hereafter). This world for us is the place to plant for the *Aakherah*. During the planting season it is continual hard work. Tomorrow, in the hereafter, will we reap and get the fruit of our efforts of *dunya*. We are here to prepare for that eternal life of the hereafter as taught to us in the instructions of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), the *Qur'aan Shareef*, and the way shown to us by RASULLAH (صلی اللہ علیہ وسّلی). *صَلَّی اللہ علیہ وسّلَّی*.

PROPAGANDA AND IT'S SOLUTION

Let us now look briefly at a related subject to our topic-propaganda. This machinery is being used to its end against Muslims who are sometimes called *barbaric*, that they have enslaved their women or that their *Ulama* are keeping them backwards, etc. What should our response be? The *Qur'aan Shareef* tells us that after the battle of *Badr* in which seventy of the *kuffar* of *Makkah* were killed, the same amount taken prisoners of war and almost all of the remaining thousand suffered some injury, *Abu Sufyaan* their leader made an agreement with RASULLAH (صلی اللہ علیہ وسّلی) to meet in battle again the following year at *Hamra-ul-Asad*, RASULLAH (صلی اللہ علیہ وسّلی) agreed.

However the coming year was one of drought and poverty on the people of *Makkah* who then could not prepare for the battle. *Abu Sufyaan* was faced with a dilemma: if he does not go out for battle which he himself offered he will be disgraced. On the other hand if he goes out for the battle without preparation he would suffer even worse losses. He left *Makkah* reluctantly and stationed at *Marruzzahraan*. *Nu'aim Ibne Masoud Asjaie* made *Umrah* and was going to *Medina*.

Abu Sufyaan met him, explained to him his dilemma and offered him ten camels to make propaganda in *Medina* that *Abu Sufyaan* is ready with such a huge army that will totally annihilate the people of *Medina*, forget the soldiers even the women and children in their homes will not be spared. There will be no *Medina* left! What was the response of the Muslims of *Medina*? The *Qur'aan* is teaching us what our response must be! Those people to whom it was said that the army of *Abu Sufyaan* is gathered against you, so fear them. Instead of fearing them, their *Imaan* increased and they exclaimed Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is sufficient for us and what a Good Guardian is He. RASULLAH (صلوات الله عليه وآله وسليمه) said: "If nobody is prepared to go, I will go alone. 'The Muslims went to *Hamra'a-ul-Asad* where there was no enemy. They traded their goods and returned with good profits from there. (The *Qur'aan* mentions a significant phrase here: "They pursued Allah's pleasure "this is what we must follow!) That is *shaytaan* who puts fear in you. (through his propaganda) so do not fear him (fall prey to his propaganda) but Fear Me (obey the commands of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)). That is the practice of believers! Do not even worry about those rushing into *kufr* (making this propaganda). They cannot harm Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) (His *Dien*) in any way.

SO THE LESSON FOR US IS CLEAR:
DO NOT BOTHER ABOUT THIS PROPAGANDA;
BRING DEEN INTO OUR LIVES!

The enemy could not and cannot destroy us on the battle field but they are destroying us at our expense through the devil T.V. which we have bought, paid licences for and are maintaining, an idol that we have to look after. Such a god who is being 'worshipped' - that no children are allowed to make noise or interrupt his services, no phone may ring without being cursed, no person may knock at the door without being rebuked! If there is some world cup match at three in the morning, its loyal worshippers will be there to pay their homage. The Zionists

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have enslaved us to the one eyed *Dajjal* and sports. Do we ever hear of any team of any merit who wins world tournaments of Israel or the U.S.A. They have enslaved the world while they keep away to rule over the world.

U.N. CAIRO CONFERENCE 94

At the U.N. conference in Cairo in September 94, proposals, discussions and adoption of a number of issues were on the agenda. However their first point, the population explosion took up major time. “The population explosion” is no more than a smoke screen for their founded fear of Muslims increasing rapidly in the world both by birth and conversions and secondly to bring into effect their ‘new world order’ of promiscuity and immorality and to create a bankrupt moral world. The population explosion myth started in 1798 and has still not materialised though dangerous forecasts are made every 20 / 25 years since then! Look at this white lie from another aspect, where according to them, the population is under control or where it has fallen so low that they want to increase it i.e. Europe, Canada or America, etc. There mother earth does not give them place on herself to live on - they have to live like sardines one on top of the other in their tall skyscrapers, whereas in those places where they are worried of the uncontrolled population i.e. Asia, Africa, etc. mother earth has given each child of hers a place to live on comfortably. They are concerned about the food resources; in their so called first world countries they consume “orphan” chickens (machine chickens that have no father or mother) and almost all their food from mortuaries (deep freezers) while in the so called “third world” countries they eat legitimate chickens who have a mother and father and fruit and vegetables directly from the ground which speaks for itself of their healthy and quality lives. While man wants to increase everything, even rare species of birds, animals, etc. he is eager to reduce his own specie! In order

to achieve their evil and sinister motives they want to force down the throats of the people of the world particularly, Muslims, abortions, condoms, etc. Just see the irony of their feeble arguments: In the USA where all preventative measures are freely available yet in one year they have fifty four million abortions. If all their sex technology could prevent unwanted pregnancies why all these abortions?

THE BASIS OF POVERTY

The *Qur'aan* tells us not to kill your children for fear of want for it is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) who feeds them and you. Thereafter Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us not to even go near adultery; in other words adultery will cause your fear of poverty to come true and not many legitimate children, for each child comes with its own *Rizq*. The *Hadith* also teaches us that adultery breeds poverty. So Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) the All-Knowing tells us a permissive life equals poverty. They tell us have a permissive life but do not have many children for that will bring poverty. Who are we to believe? Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) or the devils of the west?

Firstly let us understand that women and money are those basic things which if used correctly will guarantee stability and progress to any family, community or nation and if these same are used wrongly they will put that family, community or nation down the slippery road of destruction.

The west claims that it wants to improve the life of women by

- a)** Granting them freedom,
- b)** Financial independence and,
- c)** Allow them to mix freely with men at all levels and in all departments of life.

FREEDOM OR SLAVERY?

Let us just scratch the surface and peep to analyse these claims. With regard to the freedom of women a non-Muslim white Australian woman was employed in a Muslim School of necessity but with the condition of wearing a cloak and even veiling her face. She complied and when asked after some time how she felt in this garb, since their lifestyle is one of semi-nudity, her spontaneous reply is an eye opener to reality. She said Islamic life-style has given me freedom from western slavery. In their culture a person is enslaved to wearing a certain colour of shoes to match the dress. Then the nail polish, lipstick, blush etc. all have to match as well. In Islam simplicity is the rule and by donning the cloak there is no need for this matching culture.

HYGIENE

On the other hand Islam has taught basic hygiene and cleanliness, A medical doctor writes in a medical journal that the west is **1400** years behind the east in basic toilet hygiene. He says in the west toilet paper is used to polish oneself with the excreta while in the east clean water is used to cleanse oneself. *Moulana Thanwi* (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) said that with that filth they get into a tub to 'bath.' However they pollute all that water with that filth, some of it even enters the mouth in the process. In many cases a number of people use the same tub of water - all adding to the pollution and delighting in its drinking, however little. A famous resort's swimming pool was tested for urine which showed it contained **60%** urine just kept sparkling with chemicals! What filth! O Muslims, are we going to opt for such a lifestyle?

FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE?

With regard to financial independence, if it is worked out what a woman earns and in order to go out and work what her wardrobe costs her, her travelling and keeping a maid to do her house duties amongst other things, in most cases there will be no gain but rather a deficit! Of course there can be no monetary figures that can be put on the moral social, religious and feminine losses when a woman leaves her natural precincts and opts to work in an alien place to her exclusive biological, moral, social and religious build-up. From a psychological point of view a woman is not meant to go out and work. When she does, she has to impress her bosses/superiors with her job. To achieve this she has to give off more than she has for which she has to draw on her reserves. Consequently when she returns home she is totally exhausted and dehydrated, her children run up to her seeking love from "mummy" but what can a tired working woman offer them. She gets irritated, pushes the one out of the room, slaps the other into silence and sprawls onto the bed. The husband returns, also tired and hungry and a hungry man is an angry man. Two negatives meet and the natural result is a dispute.

An Islamic lifestyle is a balanced one, the husband returns to a ready meal and a fresh family awaiting him. When a woman has drawn on all her resources and is totally exhausted, she takes some panados to release her tension. When this does not work, she has to get medication from a doctor which is nothing else but 'legal drugs.' This in turn takes its full toll on her with all its side-effects and now the last resort and the best scape goat - *Jadu* (magic), the *Aamils* now come into action with their roaring fraudulent business robbing us of our *Imaan*, money and our women's sanctity. They solve no 'problems' but create bitter hatred, enmity, suspicion, false accusations, etc. in closely knitted family circles.

Our biggest *Jadu* is the *Shaytaan* box, its grandmother: the video and the western life style, With these *Haraam* weeds in our lives we can never expect the roses of Islam to grow. Even if we send our most pious person to the *Ka'aba* to make *Dua* that we have planted weeds and that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) must let roses grow, it is against the *Sunnat* of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)! It does not happen! A person came to *Marhoom Hafiz Salloo Saheb* of Germiston and said, “*I am sending my daughter to university and you know of the evil environment there. So please make Dua that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) must safeguard her from all that evil.*”

Hafiz Saheb remarked,

“*What you are telling me is that you want to send your daughter in the rain and I must make Dua that she must not get wet!*”

INTERMINGLING OF SEXES

As far as the intermingling of sexes is concerned, let some statistics of the USA suffice to show what results this produced: 54 million abortions a year of which they say 20 million were illegal meaning thereby that 34 million were legal! When Islam commands the taking of a life for a crime committed, it is **barbaric**. When millions of innocent infants are killed in the most savage way, it is medical advancement, culture and civilisation. (O Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), in which world are we living?) Islam's law of justice guarantees every citizen safety and protection. For practical results look at *Makkah* and *Madina*. Their western universities teach filthy lies in law, psychology etc. which forces innocent people to live in the prisons of their homes with burglar bars while the crooks roam the streets freely. Even our *Masjids* have to have burglar bars and be locked. Little girls are gang-raped and the beasts are let loose on petty bail, which they skip also. Furthermore, look at the statistics! One million young girls become pregnant in one year of which one third go for abortions - thirteen thousand

under the age of fifteen. The single major factor which causes girls to drop out of schools is pregnancies. A woman confesses that **90%** of girls are first 'used' by their own fathers, the majority of them before reaching the age of **6**. She herself was 'used' by her father at the age of **5**.

M.H. Jamaluddin writes that the only reason for bringing out women into the male dominated modern merry-go-round (the commercial world) is to satisfy the lust of men. A Muslim woman writes in the Lenasia Times how her Muslim boss "trapped" her and broke up her marriage. An air hostess of PIA confesses that their supervisors demand sex favours for promotions. The unwritten law of this evil merry go-round is: no sex no employment, no sex no promotion. He further states that women are mere flower pots and door mats of this merry-go-round. Modern women are humiliated, enslaved, dehydrated & dehumanised. When this princess or queen leaves the palace of the father or husband and goes into the vicious outside world, she is like a sheep that enters the den of the wolves who pounce on her naivety and unawareness. It is narrated in a *Hadith* that when a woman steps out of her fort, *Shaytaan* is waiting in ambush for her. It is also narrated that when she emerges, *shaytaan* beautifies her in the eyes of other men and she becomes the cause of driving a wedge between husband and wife.

The open result of this western, liberated way of life is rape, divorce (leaving in its wake heartache and pain) and consequently delinquents, drugs, alcohol, incest and child abuse. Their parliaments have legalised homosexuality where Mr. John marries Mr Jack, announces it in newspapers and celebrates it. The animal kingdom of the west! When a woman leaves her natural precincts she loses her greatest physical capital, her feminineness. A working woman loses her motherhood and her wifehood.

BACKWARD OR PROGRESSIVE

Mufti Taqi Usmani, analysing the modern woman says that when a woman works in her own house she is backwards but when she works for someone else she is progressive. When she feeds her family, she is backwards but when she feeds people in a restaurant or an aircraft, she is progressive. When she beautifies herself for her husband, she is backward but when she beautifies herself for other men she is progressive.

Amrandir Bajaj, a gold medallist gynaecologist after doing thousands of abortions makes a confession. He says that it has been ultrasonically proven that the body feels pain when being aborted. When the mother feels life in her womb she feels such a sense of joy and honour that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has used her for this great miracle of bringing a human-being into the world. The child has just gained life, it starts kicking, playing in its mother's protection. It is about to put its first step into the world. The mother will grant it protection at the risk of her own life. The worst sculptor does not destroy his own creation but marvels at it. But when the mother or rather the murderer wants to take the life of her own child because of some petty excuse like an examination, wedding function or holiday, she realises she cannot commit the gruesome and cruel murder of an innocent life so she hires an assassin - a gynaecologist. The poor child has no inkling of its impending doom. It is enjoying itself when suddenly metallic instruments come one after another, then the one-eyed monster comes with its open greedy mouth, grabs a part of a limb, wrenches it off and the comfortable protective womb is transformed into a sea of blood. The child sends signals of fear to the mother? (murderer!) The stupid fool is crying for help from its murderers ?? ?! Like a fish out of water it is opening and closing its mouth, screaming in silence, gasping for life - everything fights for life - why not this little wonderful being? But it is condemned to die by its own mother.

The one eyed monster strikes again and again taking limb after limb. Finally the head is grabbed by a bigger sinister monster which crushes it and the brains ooze out and finally those beautiful little eyes follow like pearls. The gynaecologist wipes his hands on his white coat, money changes hands and the most gruesome, cruel and brutal murder, worse than burying alive or neck-lacing has taken place which goes down in the flowery medical terminology as an MTP (medical termination of pregnancy). Is this any culture or civilisation? Is this medical advancement??!! Is this what the Cairo Conference of the U.N wants to push down the throats of the people? The *Qur'aan* asks (to highlight the innocence of the child) “For what sin were you killed?”

If we follow in their footsteps, we must expect their evils to follow. A poet says:

*O Haji, you will not reach the Kaaba,
for you are walking in the direction of Turkistan.*

This is just the tip of the iceberg of the corrupt evil life of the western women and their culture.

STATUS OF WOMEN IN ISLAM

Let us now look at the status of women in Islam. The *Qur'aan* like any other law book addresses men when giving instructions. The *Qur'aan* has done this to protect the honour of women, that even reference to them has been veiled. This teaches us that women who are delicate and precious are to be concealed. However, this psychologically caused the *Sahabiyaat* (رضي الله عنهن) to think that they may be inferior to man and that their *Ibaadat* is also not worthy of acceptance, so *Asma binte Umais* (رضي الله عنها) asked *RASULULLAH* (سبحانه وتعالى) (صلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) about this. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) revealed the *Aayat*: “The Muslim men and Muslim women, the believing and believing women, the men who remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) (صلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) in abundance and women... “ So Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) showed that

in all aspects they are equal. The only women's name mentioned in the *Qur'aan* is *Mariam* (سَمْرَاءٌ)’s name, and that is because of necessity that her son *Isa* (عِيسَى) was born miraculously without a father.

In the ayat “men are authorities over women,” Allah has used the word *Qawwamuna* which is from the root word *Qawwaam, Qayyim, Qayyum* which means that men are responsible for their responsibility Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has given them preference and superiority over women. The exercise of this superiority has to be understood in the context of the *Qur'aan Shareef* and not out of context. The *Qur'aan Shareef* makes its own *Tafseer*. Thus we read in another place in the *Qur'aan Shareef* that women have rights (over men) as men have rights (over women).

In fact the rights of women are mentioned first. In another place Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says that treat them (women) kindly. So man is not a ruthless boss, the authority and superiority he has, has to be exercised as taught in the *Qur'aan Shareef*. In another place Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says (that their matters) be decided by mutual consultation and consensus. Thus man is not a dictator and just rules ruthlessly but by consultation and mutual agreement he remains *Amir*. The further part of this *Ayat* under discussion also shows that although socially men and women are equal, their duties have been divided and defined.

For this reason Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has created two different species: men and women. The same *ayat* also teaches us that although Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has given men a degree of superiority and authority over women, this does not mean that all men are better than all women. There are those women who are superior to men, like *Mariam* (سَمْرَاءٌ) and Islamic history is filled with a host of such women. The wife of *Dost Muhammed*, the king of *Kabul* was one such woman. When the enemy attacked the kingdom, the prince was sent to repel the attackers. Military intelligence soon came that the prince has been defeated

and that the enemy was advancing. The king was greatly disturbed. The queen inquired about the matter. On being informed she immediately said it is impossible. He said you are a woman who stays in the palace. What do you know? However, after four days news came that the last information was wrong and that the prince is returning victorious. Upon being asked, the queen said,

“Since I conceived him, forget Haraam, even a doubtful morsel of food did not go down my throat. Whenever I fed him I made Wudhu, performed two Rakaats of Salaah, read Bismillah, then fed him. So how can a child brought up like this ever fail?”

There is only one man in this *Ummah* who has been given the glad tidings that he will be called by all eight doors of *Jannah* to enter through them. He is the greatest of this *Ummah*, *Hadrat Abu Bakr* (رضي الله عنه) Yet every woman has been afforded the opportunity to enter from any of the eight doors of *Jannah* by obeying her husband, performing the five daily *Salaah*, fasting in *Ramadhan* and guarding her modesty and chastity!

CONCLUSION

By way of conclusion let us suggest some solutions to this onslaught. Firstly let us realize the honourable position of women. They are precious jewels which are kept safe in the safes, not like worthless stones kicked and thrown about. They are not like fruit and vegetables on the shelf of a shop where somebody feels how stiff the apple is or whether the paw paw is yielding for the fruit salad for dinner. When a European woman saw the beauty of a *Kashmiri* woman in India, she asked,

“Why don’t you take part in the Miss World Beauty Contest.”

She replied that our beauty is exclusive for our husbands.

By all means let our girls get their **B.Sc.** and **P.hd.** degrees. Of course not the useless pieces of cardboard from *kuffar* universities which are the very basis of homes breaking up. But, rather the

B.Sc. from the mother's or grandmother's kitchen. A Baking, Sewing and Cooking degree. A hungry man is an angry man. By this degree they will get through the stomachs of their men and hold their hearts in their hands. Let them get their P.hd. from home as well. Let them be proud Permanent House Dwellers.

“WAQARNA FI BUYUTEKUN.”

(And remain in your homes).

Expose our women to good, reliable Islamic literature which is now available easily and in abundance, to the listening of good, reliable cassettes of *Bayaaans*, *Qiraat*, *Namazs* etc. Let them attend the weekly ladies *Ta'leem* programmes and reliable *Ta'leem* by *Ulama* if available or arrange for the same. Let them make *Bay'at* with true *Mashaaikh* and follow their guidance and teachings.

Immediately get rid of our worst enemy the TV and its devil grandmother the video. This will be the greatest favour we can do to ourselves. In fact do not sell it, or give it away nor pack it away, smash it in full view of the public and openly praise Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for giving you the *Taufeeq* for recognising and gettingrid of your enemy no.1 !!!

Protect our beloved children from the devil's workshops of schools, colleges, universities and our females from working in shops, offices, factories etc.. Impart the necessary secular education at home, It is possible and practical. It is being done by many, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the giver of sustenance - not education nor any piece of cardboard (the useless degrees).

May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) open our eyes to our real enemies and give us the strength of heart to oppose their ways in culture, dressing, language, etc. and follow in the foot steps of our pious elders and the *Sunnah* of our NABI MUHAMMAD (صلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلٰيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ).